

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 11-19 and 21-24, without prejudice, and amend claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 20 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 or a complement thereof;
- (b) a nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 or a complement thereof;
- (c) a nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:4 or a complement thereof; and
- (d) a nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:6 or a complement thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, or a complement thereof; and
- (b) a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:

- a) a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 72% about 90% homologous to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or 3 4, 3, 4, or 6, wherein elevated levels of said nucleic acid molecule are indicative of a malignancy or a complement thereof;
- b) a nucleic acid molecule comprising a fragment of at least 607 nucleotides of a nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, 3, 4, or 6, or a complement thereof;

- c) a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least about 62% homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or 5; and
- d) a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a fragment of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or 5, wherein the fragment comprises at least 15 contiguous amino acid residues of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or 5.

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5. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes to the nucleic acid molecule of any one of claims 1, 2, 3, or 4 1, 2, 4, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 or 31 under stringent conditions.

6. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleic acid molecule of any one of claims 1, 2, 3, or 4 1, 2, 4, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 or 31 and a nucleotide sequence encoding a heterologous polypeptide.

7. (Currently Amended) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of any one of claims 1, 2, 3, or 4 1, 2, 4, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 or 31.

8. (Original) The vector of claim 7, which is an expression vector.

9. (Original) A host cell transfected with the expression vector of claim 8.

10. (Original) A method of producing a polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of claim 9 in an appropriate culture medium to, thereby, produce the polypeptide.

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11-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A kit comprising a compound which selectively hybridizes to a nucleic acid molecule of any one of claims 1, 2, 3, or 4 1, 2, 4, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 or 31 and instructions for use.

21-24. (Canceled)

Please add new claims 25-31 as follows:

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25. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 or a complement thereof.

26. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 or a complement thereof.

27. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 or a complement thereof.

28. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, or a complement thereof.

29. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least about 95% homologous to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or 3, wherein elevated levels of said nucleic acid molecule are indicative of a malignancy, or a complement thereof.

30. (New) A nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least about 90% homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein elevated levels of said polypeptide are indicative of a malignancy, or a complement thereof.

31. (New) A nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least about 95% homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein elevated levels of said polypeptide are indicative of a malignancy, or a complement thereof.